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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/ib03/02132  
 International Filing Date: May 21, 2003  
 Priority Date Claimed: Yes  
 Title of Invention: SKI BINDING, ESPECIALLY TOURING, TELEMARK  
                                   OR CROSS-COUNTRY BINDING  
 Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Bernt-Otto Hauglin

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
  - a) (X) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) () a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
  - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
5. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
6. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
  - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
7. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
8. (X) A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).
9. (X) A FIRST preliminary amendment.
10. (X) International Application as published.
11. (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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12. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>BASIC FEE</b>                             |                     |                     |             | <b>\$950</b> |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>                                | <b>NUMBER FILED</b> | <b>NUMBER EXTRA</b> | <b>RATE</b> |              |
| Total Claims                                 | 12 - 20 =           | 0 ×                 | \$18        | \$0          |
| Independent Claims                           | 1 - 3 =             | 0 ×                 | \$88        | \$0          |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) |                     |                     | \$300       | \$0          |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>           |                     |                     |             | <b>\$950</b> |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b>                    |                     |                     |             | <b>\$950</b> |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>                   |                     |                     |             | <b>\$950</b> |

13. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.
14. (X) A check in the amount of \$950 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
15. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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